

REMARKS

Claims 1-30 are pending in the application and claims 1-7, 13, 15-22, 28 and 30 stand rejected.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C §103

Claims 1-7, 13, 15-22, 28 and 30 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. 2002/0161666 to Fraki et al. in view of U.S. Pat. No. 6,847,823 to Lehtikoinen et al. or, variously, also further in view of U.S. Pat. No. 6,539,393 to Kabala. Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's characterization of these references and conclusions regarding the obviousness of the pending claims but, in the interest of passing this case to issue, have amended claim 1 to incorporate the limitations of claim 8 and have also amended claim 14 into independent form by incorporating the limitations of underlying claim 1. Claims 16 and 29 correspond to claims 1 and 14 and have been similarly amended herein. Claims 8 and 23 have been cancelled without prejudice and expressly reserving the right to present these claims in a future divisional or continuation application.

Applicants acknowledge with gratitude the Examiner's indication of allowability as to claims 8-12, 14, 23-27 and 29 and, in view of the above amendments, submit that all claims are now allowable.

Applicants further present new claims 31 and 32, which are directed to the limitations of originally filed claims 14 and 29, respectively, without the limitations of the underlying base claim. Applicants submit that these claims are clearly patentably over the cited art.

In view of the above, Applicants submit that the application is now in condition for allowance and respectfully urge the Examiner to pass this case to issue.

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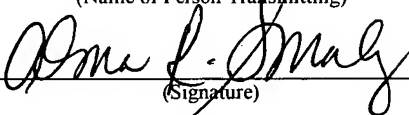
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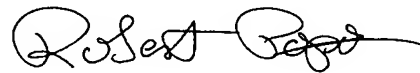


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